Hike in Pay Packets of pilots

3279. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has decided to hike pay packets of pilots;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether this has cropped up fresh problems for Indian Airlines as reported in the Times of India dated 12th October, 1994, if so, the details thereof, and the steps since taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A settlement was reached by the Air India mangement with the Indian pilots Guild on 26.9.94 on the revised rates of hourly payment to commanders/pilots. The rates of hourly payment vary from $87 per horu to $107 in the case of commanders and $53 per hour to $75 in the case of Co-pilots. Indian Airlines have introduced the same rates of hourly payment to their pilots, operating international fights from 15.10.94.

East West Airlines financial links with Dawood Ibrahim

3280. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East-West Airlines, has close financial links with Dawood Ibrahim as published in "The Economic Times" dated the 7th February, 1995;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against East-West Airlines; and

(c) whether Government would consider cancelling the East-West Airlines' licence to fly in India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The allegations of nexus between East West Airlines and Dawood Ibrahim are under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Cancellation of flights due to outbreak of Plague

3281. SMT. CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines (IA) and the Air India (AI) cancelled a member of flights recently due to outbreak of plague in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airline-wise;

(c) the amount of financial loss suffered by each of these airlines as a result thereof;

(d) whether several foreign airlines also cancelled their flights to India due to outbreak of plague;

(e) if so, the names of the airlines which cancelled their flights;

(f) whether all these airlines have since resumed their flights;

(g) if not, the names of the airlines which have not yet resumed their flights; and

(h) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the government for resumption of services by these airlines?